

**REMARKS**

Review and reconsideration on the merits are requested.

With reference to **DETAILED ACTION** in the paragraph bridging pages 2/3, the language suggested by the Examiner is adopted.

**Claimed Rejections 35 U.S.C. § 102**

Claims 1-4, 10, 12-22 and 24-28 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(a) as being anticipated by Nishimura et al (WO 03/000712).

Nishimura et al is entitled to a date under 35 U.S.C. § 102(a) of January 3, 2003.

The present application claims a priority date of December 25, 2002, based on JP 2002/374016, i.e., the present application's priority date is earlier than the date of availability as prior art of Nishimura et al.

Applicants submit herewith a certified translation of their priority document to avoid Nishimura et al as prior art and request withdrawal of the rejection.

Basis occurs in the certified translation as follows.

In the following indication of support in the certified translation, the numbered paragraph where support begins is first given. Sometimes a numbered paragraph such as, for example, [0013], will include the support for a number of claims. The support for the claim is given in the second number in brackets. For instance, support for claim 1 would be in paragraph [0008], the disclosure at [1] at the indicated pages.

<b>Claim in Present Application</b>	<b>Support in Certified Translation</b>
1	[0008] [1] at pages 19-23
2	[0012] [2] at pages 23-25
3	[0013] [3] at pages 25-26

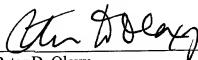
4	[0013] [4] at pages 25-26
10	[0013] [10] at pages 25-26
12	[0014] [12] at pages 27-28
13	[0014] [13] at pages 27-28
14	[0015] [14] at pages 28-29
15	[0015] [15] at pages 28-29
16	[0015] [16] at pages 28-30
17	[0016] [17] at pages 30-31
18	[0016] [18] at pages 30-31
19	[0016] [19] at pages 30-31
20	[0016] [20] at pages 30-31
21	[0017] [21] at pages 31-34
22	[0017] [22] at pages 31-34
24	See claim 10 above in view of [0082] at page 61
25	See claim 10 above in view of [0082] at page 61
26	See claim 10 above in view of [0082] at page 61
27	See claim 1 above in view of [0006] at page 19
28	See claim 2 above in view of [0006] at page 19

Withdrawal of all rejections and allowance is requested.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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